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AVIATORS FLIGHT LOG BOOK

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Frank Patrick Paolitti amm. 4c
455 San Jacinto CV 430
V2 DIV.



Aug.

Date	Type of Machine	Number of Machine	Duration of Flight	Char- acter of Flight	Pilot
2	N2T1	32469	1.5	E	A/c LABOUFF
11	N2S3	07980	1.6	"	" JAHN
13	N2T1	32482	1.5	"	" FINK
26	N2T1		1.5	"	A/c WEGENER
27	N2T1		1.5	"	" FINK
Total time to date,					

Dec-1943

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JAN-1944

Date	Type of Machine	Number of Machine	Duration of Flight	Character of Flight	Pilot
12	N253 07055	← .8 →	07055	E	A/c Richtling
12	N254	32879	1.2	"	" "
16	SNC	6385	1.0	"	LT. JACKSON
15	SNC	"	1.0	"	" "
23	"	"	.9	"	LT(SG) Eichenberg
Total time to date,					

FEB-1944

Date	Type of Machine	Number of Machine	Duration of Flight	Character of Flight	Pilot
7	N253	07606	1.0	E	A/C-Cuddeback
11	"	4325	1.3	"	" Meigel
11	"	07063	1.1	"	" CARR
13	"	07406	1.6	"	" ZABKA
Total time to date,					

April 1944

Date	Type of Machine	Number of Machine	Duration of Flight	Character of Flight	Pilot
6	N2S-3	0764	1.3	E	a/c Colter
6	" 3	0736	1.3	E	" "
7	" 3	0736	1.3	E	" Barry
24	TBM	25123	1.0	FIXED GUN.	Ens. J. Bush
	TBM	25123	3.5	FIXED SUB	Ens. J. Bush
Total time to date,					

Date	Type of Machine	Number of Machine	Duration of Flight	Character of Flight	"Captains Pilot Memorandum"
					May 19 1944 to April 30 1945
					The battle history of the USS San Jacinto is unique. She has fought in more battles and steamed more miles in combat during the past year than any other CV. CVL. CVE. in the U.S. Fleet. without interruption or respite. She has fought continuously and contiguously with either the Third or Fifth Fleet in every operation in the Pacific from the attacks on Marcus and Wake Islands in May 1944 through the assault and invasion of Okinawa, April 1945.
					Partial list of Campaign & Battle Caroline Islands
					Attack on Marcus + Wake - May 19 - 23
					Detached from Group and proceed to position 450 miles from Tokyo to destroy picket boats - closest approach to Japan of any carrier group except the Doolittle Raid to that date.
					Total time to date,

PASSENGERS

REMARKS

attacks on Yap, Palau, Ulithi
July 25-27. In support of assault
and occupation of Palau and Ulithi:
attacks on Palau Sept 6-18.

Marianas Islands

In support of assault and occupation
of Guam, Saipan and Tinian:

attacks on Saipan June 11-July 16
First Battle of Philippine Sea June
19-20. attacks on Guam July 12-13

attacks on Bonin Islands, Aug. 4-5

attacks on Tinian August 6-20

attacks on Bonin Islands Aug 31-Sept. 3

Philippine Islands

In support ~~and~~ of assault and occu-
pation of Leyte:

attacks on Luzon, Okinawa, ^{Marine}
Ito and Formosa - Oct. 19-13

attacks Manila Bay area Oct 14-20

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Attack aircraft installation, Leyte Oct 20-23					
Second Battle of Philippine Sea, attacks against force, Japanese Fleet, Oct 25-27					
attack aircraft installations on Leyte Nov. 8-11					
attack on shipping Manila Bay Nov. 13-18					
In support of assault and occupation of Mindanao:					
attacks on aircraft installations on Luzon, Dec. 14-16					
Typhoon 18-23 Dec 1944					
Port, White 23-29 Dec.					
1945 campaigns H.G. 45					
In support of occupation and assault of Mindanao:					
attacks on aircraft installations on Formosa and Luzon ^{Jan} 3-9					
attacks on Saigon, Camauk Bay, French Indo-China Jan 10-20					
attacks on Formosa, Okinawa, and Ie Shima Jan 21-22					
First attack on Tokyo, Japanese Empire Feb. 15-17					
Total time to date,					

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Noteworthy Activities MAY 1944 - APRIL 1945					
	Planes shot down				136
	enemy ships sunk				11
	Number of flights			1072	
	Sorties			9291	
	Strikes and Sweeps against enemies				2208
* C.A.P.	in direct support of amphibians			oper. ³⁷⁰ _{FLIGHT 40}	
				SORTIES	3534
C.A.P.	of our Task Force			FLIGHTS	447
				FLIGHTS	297
A.S.P.	" " "			SORTIES	1202
				SORTIES	142
	Search and Recon Flights.			FLIGHT	14
				FLIGHT	114
	Training and Misc.			SORTIES	1822
	Enemy Planes shot down			UNASSISTED	12
	Landings				9393
	Takeoffs				9291
	Fly aways				3,982
	Catapult				5309
	Miles steamed in combat area				118,219
Total time to date,					

PASSENGERS	REMARKS
	EVENTS
4 VF51 shooting down 7 Jap Tony's, probable out of 10	
also Jap torpedo attack at evening got them all,	
Jap trying to land on our deck at night after 1 st	
batch of Phillips Sea & flying A.S.P. off carrier	
Jap dive bomber misses "Big E", shot down	
Jap dive bomber hits Franklin. Killed 4 men, shot down	
we turn away & with B.F.1.	
Franklin takes near miss as flaming torpedo plane	
falls just across flight deck, we take 3 near	
misses from torpedo planes, can't figure how they	
missed - "Big E" takes near miss in one of the	
greatest all night Jap torpedo attacks Oct 3	
Franklin takes a suicide plane amid ship	
takes another near bomb miss and same	
plane crashes on Belleau Wood as she is	
launching planes, lot of men killed on both	
ships. "Big E" shoots wing off another, as	
we take two near misses off the carrier.	
The first battle of Philippines Sea	
when our planes had to land in dark	
Jap plane tried to land on our deck	

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PASSENGERS	REMARKS
	<i>Subsides & drill bomb - target</i>
<i>Franklin</i>	<i>3 times</i>
<i>Ticonderoga</i>	
<i>Fangley</i>	<i>1,000</i>
<i>Belleau Wood</i>	
<i>"Big E"</i>	
<i>Remington</i>	
<i>Hancock</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Wasp</i>	<i>1000</i>
<i>Intrepid</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Sacramento</i>	
<i>Lexington</i>	
<i>Yorktown</i>	
<i>Pandalup</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Bataan</i>	
<i>Banker Hill</i>	

PASSENGERS	REMARKS
	Left the State April 14, arrived Pearl Harbor April 19. Went to Kaneohe Bay for G. C. 50 scheduled flight and plane pickups. Then one flight with Enr. Bush, pilot of the plane in plane captain of, on fixed gunnery run.
	Left Pearl for Miyajima May 3. May 6, my birthday. 30 years old, "over." May 7-8 hit dateline. Lost May 7 May 9 hit Miyajima, anchor May 14 left for Myer and Wake. 1st bombing May 14-16 just wondering May 17 May 17-23 Met two tankers May 18 Fueled. Left task force with 4 cans and one A. H. cruiser, San Diego May 19 Position about 600 miles from Tokyo. planes took off at 0630, search, no luck returned at 1630. planes up again at 1430 returned 1830, no luck, 3 more on last flight, found Japs, bombers tomorrow.

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May 20					
- Plane up - bombed and strafed two Jap picket boats - left in sinking condition					
May 21					
- Regained task force - contacted Jap planes - no attack - 500 miles from Japan - closest ship so far in this area					
May 21					
- Raided Wake Island - bombed all day - just missing completes					
May 21-26					
- Bude to Majuro safely					
May 26-June 5					
- fuel and provisions					
June 6					
- Left Majuro with fleet					
June 7					
- Fleet split up in 4 groups -					
our group 58.3 - 16 cans, 5 BB and 4 carriers - San Jacinto - Director - Big E - and Lexington. Good group.					
June 10					
- Army B24 from Eniwetok shot down two Bethys, 75 and 100 miles from us.					
June 11					
- Attacked Saipan - our planes strafed and destroyed large number of airplanes. Other force planes shot down 6 Japs.					
Total time to date,					

PASSENGERS	REMARKS
June 12 D-4	Japs overhead all night - know our position - dropped flares, night like day - no attack. Our planes hit Saipan all day - gave it hell. Lost one plane and pilot - m/c Elmsire
June 13 D-3	Big day - Planes hit ^{all day} down to dusk. Bombed and strafed the barracks, railroads, truck army, and coastal guns. Sunk 11 ships of reinforcement convoy headed for island. Got a cruiser and 5 cons coming out of harbor. Strafed the city. Battle wagons started bombarding this afternoon hit sugar refineries, the tower and everything in general. 8 of our planes on C. H. P. ran across six Jap sampans - sunk them. (4 TBM - 4 F-6)
June 14 D-2	Raided Rota in morning - Saipan afternoon
June 15 D+DAY	Marines invaded Saipan at 0800
Our ^(4 planes) C. H. P.	shot down 8 of 10 Jap Tony's.
	We were under Jap torpedo plane attack at evening - splashed 6 Bettys - some fireworks. not scored, but some got ^{a lot of excitement} out of it.

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+ June 16	-	Bailed Guam	-	our planes shot up by	
17. 17.		fire - 2 knocked down	-	saved the pilots.	
+ June 17	-	Left Saipan area	-	look for Jap Fleet	
+ June 18	-	We shot down 2 Japs today.		My pilot hit the drink just off our starboard bow when plane hit an oil leak - nice water landing - pilot and crewman, Culamy and Madeau, okay.	
+ June 19	-	Large groups of Jap planes trying to get in.		all carriers have all possible fighters in air - some got in but not out - Big E took a dive bomber miss - we helped splash Jap. altogether a record 407 Jap planes shot down	
		Jap fleet that spotted - took after them -		Shipper Melvin of VT 51 and Ens Guy of VT 51 took off from our ship. Shipper Lt. Com. Melvin got a can and Ens. Guy put his eggs on a carrier - dam good work. - Planes came in after dark. Ens. Guy landed okay - The Shipper was cut out by plane that crashed on deck. He made a water landing - picked up okay.	
Total time to date,					

PASSENGERS	REMARKS
continued	
June 19	- a lot of planes hit the docks that night - cars were picking them up all night. - F.A.M. Ze Fraye and I are working on the hangar deck pulling a check on an F6 while planes were trying to land when some guys said that if a Jap tried to land on our carrier - couldn't recognize him till he got a wave off - red meat balls on wings and fus. - good thing he wasn't a yoji.
June 20	- chased Jap Fleet some more - fired planes etc.
June 21	- same as yesterday and flew ^{C.A.P.} H.S.P.
June 22	- Our C.A.P. shot down 1 Jap
June 23	- " " " " 2 "
June 24	- Back at Saipan - support invasion
June 25	- Japs bombed our forces at Saipan as we bombed Guam today.
June 26	- hit Guam again I flew H.S.P.
June 27	- hit Guam with 2000 lbs - night fighters shot down 1 Jap. - timber! flew on this strike with Cns. Bush

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June 28-					Hit Guam again - Big "E" night fighters got 3 Japs last night
June 29 -					Our C.F.P. splashed 1 Jap as we bombed Guam
June 30 -					Guam gets it again. got another TBM off Bellarm Wood
July 1		"	"	"	"
July 2					Hit Guam again and also picked up one of our pilots who was shot down before - spent 17 days in life raft.
July 3 -					Guam again
July 4 -					Independence Day - Bombed Guam in morning - Bots in afternoon.
July 5 We					Flew HSP + E.F.P.
July 6					dropped incendiaries on Guam, really burnt the town.
July 7-8-9					arrived at Eniwetok after 33 days
July 14 -					Left Eniwetok at 1430
July 20 -					eclipse of the sun - pretty nice
July 21 -					D-Day - Army invades Guam. We bombed Guam
Total time to date,					

PASSENGERS	REMARKS
July 22-23-24	Nice weather as we cruise west
July 25 -	Bombed Palau. Lt. Hoult and crew lost as plane shot down - Hit water and was strafed
July 26 -	Strafed and bombed Palau 4 times today
July 27 -	Lost one plane - shot down
July 28 -	bombed Palau again
July 29-30	cruise back - hot.
July 31	^{saipan} anchored off Palau - lost ⁵ on ^{anchor} pool
August 1	Wigons, cruises and cans shelled Tinian all night - Tinian about 3 mi from us
Aug. 2	Left Saipan at 1545
Aug 3	Took Tinian today - good deal.
Aug 3 rd	cruise north - little rough -
our fighters	raided Chichi Jima + Iwo Jima in the Bonin Island group
Aug 5	fighters hit Chichi Jima again head back to Eniwetok
Aug 9	arrived Eniwetok at 1100 lost ⁵ on ^{anchor} pool
Aug 28	left Eniwetok 0530 after spending 19 days provisioning fueling and also got a new TBM - sure a hot iron.

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Aug 29 -					Headed north a little cooler here
Sept 2 -					Bombed Iwo Jima and Chichi Jima 4 times today.
Sept 3 -					Same as yesterday - my P. pilot was shot up and hit the silk at 5000 ft plane was burning - Radio man 2d Delaney and Lt J. C. White, photo officer, went down with the plane. Pilot was hit his head on tail as he left plane, ripped his chute but made it down into the sink safely picked up by submarine - spent
Sept 4 -					arrived Saipan at 1500, ^{anchor} lost 3 on pool
Sept 5 -					left Saipan at 1400
Sept 6 -					cruising
Sept 7 -					Hit Yap 4 times today.
Sept 8 - 9 -					going west.
Sept 10 -					Hit Palau once.
Sept 11 -					" "
Sept 12 -					cruising - another force hit Philippines and sunk convoy of 53 ships - The way it should be done
Total time to date,					

PASSENGERS	REMARKS
Sept 13 -	Baided Palau
Sept 14 -	" "
Sept 15 D-DAY	Marines invade Palau ⁰⁸⁰⁰ as we cover landings - Set the Waters and crew
Sept 16-17-18-19	Standing by for support on landings then head south
Sept 20 -	crossed the equator at 1220
Sept 21 -	arrive at Monis Island in the Admiralty group at 1630
Sept 22	-
Sept 23	Eddie Peabody on board tonight didn't see him.
Sept 24	Get underway at 0930 - I'm now a shell back - good initiation

PASSENGERS

REMARKS

Goehring Pump

SEPT. 3rd

BUSH'S PLANE SHOT, HE
LANDED IN OCEAN,
INJURED

Date	Type of Machine	Number of Machine	Duration of Flight	Character of Flight	Pilot

Oct 8 - 11 met 3 task groups - 9 ships -

Oct 9 - B-24 got a Betty in front of us - now in 3rd.

Flot - our group 38.3 - 4 groups

Oct 10 - Hit 11/20000 tons of shipping - sunk 6000 tons of Jap shipping - left area at night.

Oct 11 - Fuelled today

Oct 12 - cruising - hot water

Oct 13 - Monday
Hounding Jap. west. Hitting at tomorrow - shot down a few Jap planes.

Oct 14 - Large groups of Jap torpedo planes hit at the 4 task forces starting late in afternoon and all through the night. We shot down two torpedo planes

Total time to date,

PASSENGERS	REMARKS
	<p>that jammed near got us, one just off our portail the other off our bow. close with the word the first must have went under us. another Jap just crashed over our deck. The Franklin jammed near took a "flamer" on her deck - possibly might have scratched her. Big "E" got a close one. about eight Japs were shot down in a few minutes. To close for comfort, Capt. Mike Hernade took over command of ship ^{reliving} Capt Martin on this leg-out.</p> <p>Oct 15 - Jap dive bomber attacks Franklin hit - 3 or 4 men killed - no serious damage, operational - 70-80 Jap planes coming out to us - Our task group fighters - Lowed over neck - Our fighters got 9.</p> <p>Oct 16 - * Slagged our faraway out to fuel our fighters strafed the deck of last ship in our C.A.P. shot down two planes</p> <p>Oct 17 -</p> <p>Oct 18 - Our C.A.P. " " one Judy</p> <p>* 2 men killed and 27 injured</p>

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Oct 19-				Heading south	
Oct 20-				DDA- invading Leyte - we are covering the landings.	
Oct 21-				Trained	
Oct 22				Keeping a look out for Japs	
Oct 23 -				Sighted part of Jap fleet off northern Luzon and are going to a spot that we are	
Oct 24 -				Just like a game of chess - trying to get a good spot for attack.	
Oct 25 -				Sighted Jap fleet at 10:00 and attacked. Came back, loaded up, and went back again. Lost 2 planes on second attack but saved the one fighter pilot and torpedo pilot and crew. With the crewman, saved his pilots and radio man's life by pulling them both out of the plane, while in the water. We sank 4 Jap carriers, 2 cruisers, a few cans etc. The USS Princeton was sunk off Leyte, coming to invasion. Our D.D. went south to help the other 7 th fleet.	
Total time to date,					

PASSENGERS	REMARKS
Oct 26 -	Refueled - feel good
Oct 28 -	1 plane sank ^{dot} a sub.
Oct - 29 -	Jap losses for the 2 nd Battle of the Philippine sea was - 4 carriers - 1 magon 1 probablc - 6 heavy cruisers - 3 light cruisers - 3 small cruisers or large cans - 6 cans. Our losses were - The Princeton CVL - 2 C.V.E. St. Lo, Wickenburg - 2 cans - 1 D.E.
Oct 30 -	about 25-30 Japs out to get us today - C.I.P. got all but 5 of them and they jammed near got us - First time under suicide pilots attack, Kamakazi they call it, we call them "zyogi boys" - Seen Franklin get hit and take a near miss by another who then crashed lived on the Bellaw Woods - one of them dove on the Big "E" and between the "E" and us, shot it down, Two of them then came down on us -

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one from the starboard stern, but crashed about 5 yards off port bow - the other came in from starboard bow and crashed off port bow just missed us. Jap planes and pilots all over the flight deck - worked them off with fire hose - Franklin and Billie Wood have casualties - not operation - head for port. This kind of attack scared hell out of me, you can't ^{find} a safe place on any ship.					
Nov. 1	arrived at Rethi				
Nov 5	underway at 1600				
Nov 6	Heading N. W.				
Nov 7	" "				
Nov 9	Bombed Myerle Harbor in morning				
	" " " " in afternoon				
Note - Picked up and ^{my} pilot Ens. Bark who was shot down at Ima Jima. quite a story - spent 30 days on sub - was on it under sub.					
Total time to date,					

PASSENGERS	REMARKS
	<p>attacked Jap convoy - bombed and depth charged - made it back to Pearl Ray</p> <p>He looks good - earned submarine dolphin.</p>
Nov. 9 - 22	Helped support invasion of Leyte - Philippines - bombing strafing etc
Nov. 22	arrived at Niliti
Nov 23 - 28	provisioned ship
Nov. 29	underway at 0530 - headed for Guam
Nov. 30	arrived at Guam - air group 51
	was relieved by air group 45 - under- way at 1500
Dec 1 - Dec 8	This operation was patrol duty and training exercises for the new air group - weather getting colder and rough - back to Niliti
Dec 11 -	underway at 0800
Dec 12 -	N. W.
Dec 13 -	bombed Luzon
Dec 14 -	fighters rocket Luzon
Dec 15 -	" " "
Dec 16 -	" " "

PASSENGERS

REMARKS

Goehring Pump

NOV. 8th

"PICKED UP MY PILOT."

Dec 10 -

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Dec 17 -					fueled today. foul weather
Dec 18 -					In a typhoon - ships heels to about 40 degrees - fighters broke loose on hangar deck, breasting the T.B.M. loose - one hell of a mess - planes all smashed - hangar deck a mess - good thing no gas in planes - fire on hangar deck - 50 caliber ammo. set off by fire. - everything on bulk heads broke loose, engines, manuals, boxes, tool boxes - engines rolled out of roller curtain. Wheeler's plane, or rather the cockpit, that all that's left of it, is in the elevator pit. 7 T.B.M.s and one fighter - smashed.
Dec 19 - 20					clearing out hangar deck
Dec 21 - 29					arrived at Pihhi - repair damages
After Day -					Had a 4-8 ^{PM} fire watch - hours for breakfast, lunch and supper - everybody working like hell to get ship fixed, hell of a Xmas, tired
Total time to date,					

PASSENGERS	REMARKS
	got an old + B.M. 1C ("the semimitted" P.C. 81)
Dec 30	Ship fired underway at 2800
Dec 31	cruising north
Jan 1	New Years Day - same as yesterday
Jan 2	fuelled ship.
Jan 3	Planes off at dawn to bomb, strafe and rocket Formosa.
Jan 4	same as yesterday
Jan 5	fuelled ship
Jan 6	planes off at dawn - hit airfield,
on Luzon	afternoon strikes canceled - ^{foul} weather
Jan 7	same as yesterday
Jan 8	fuelled ship foul weather
Jan 9	army invaded Luzon as we bombed Formosa from morning till night.
Jan 10	Went into China Sea looking for Jap fleet - may be at Camrahn Bay in French Indo China, at Hainan or Hong Kong. First ship I saw is China sea ^{afternoon} ^{Betty} ^{in morning}
Jan 11	fuelled ship on way to French-Indo-China.

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Jan 12					
- loaded + B.M. with fish - hit Camrahn Bay - no fleet - sunk 22 ships, tankers, freighters etc. Torpedo pilot, Lambros and crew made a forced landing in French Indo-China - picked up by Free French - all okay					
Jan 13					
- fueled today - weather still lousy					
Jan 14					
- strikes on Canton, Hong Kong, other places - sank a lot of ships { 12 minutes lost and damaged one to heavy swell - planes over the side					
Jan 15					
- same as yesterday - no planes lost					
Jan 16					
- lousy weather - no operations					
Jan 17					
- " " " "					
Jan 18					
- came out of China Sea					
Jan 19					
- strikes on Formosa and we are splashing a lot of japs ferrying planes from Formosa to Luzon.					
Jan 20					
- The same thing as yesterday					
Jan 21					
- Hit Formosa again, this time the japs got our number - a half dozen got by our A.P. and one of them bombed the Langley, exploded below decks - 2 of them					
Total time to date,					

PASSENGERS	REMARKS
	suicide boats crashed the Ticonderoga and raised general hell. Seen the second one hit. Don't think I'll ever get used to them guys. Splashed the rest of them.
Jan 22 -	Fueled today -
Jan 23 -	New Group - Bombed Ofcinawa knocked hell out of town with 500 lb + 2000 lb bombs
Jan 24	Fueled again.
Jan 25	arrive of thi - lost 5 on anchor post
Feb Jan 26 - Feb 10	provision ships + com.
Feb 10	under way 0730
Feb 11	heading north-
Feb 12	" " 3 years in Mooy
Feb 13	fueled - ship
Feb 14	gunnery exercises - expect something
Feb 15	something big coming up - Tokyo?
Feb 16	Fighters and bombers off, Tokyo airfields and aircraft plants - hit them hard our fighters shot down 32 Japs - we lost one plane and pilot.

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Feb 17	fighters	hit	airfields	again - no	
	air	opposition -	destroyed	large number	
	of planes	on ground -	weather	to foul	
	for	T.B.M.			
Feb 18	Heading	S. E.			
Feb 19	D-DAK -	Marines invade	Iwo Jima;	Our	
	planes	covering	landing -	rough	going over the
	Japs	well over	us most of	night -	put out smoke
	screen -	missile	splashed	one.	
Feb 20	fuelled	ship -	Saratoga	takes	4 "Yagis"
Feb 21	Hit	Iwo Jima	all day -	hard	targets -
	Japs	overhead	again	last	night
Feb 22	Same	as yesterday	lost	one plane	
	and	pilot,	another	one	hit the drink, saved.
Feb. 23	fuelled	again			
Feb 24	Heading	N. W.	lousy	weather	
Feb 25	Tokyo	again -	weather	lousy -	fighters
	got in -	destroyed	hangars	and	planes on ground
T B M	jetted	and	bombed -	afternoon	strikes
	cancelled				
Total time to date,					

PASSENGERS	REMARKS
Feb. 26	Heading S. E.
Feb 27	Fueled again
28	Heading N.W.
Mar 1 Feb	Fighters and bombers hit Okinawa all day long
Mar 2	Hit Amami Oshima
Mar 3.	Fueled ship
Mar 4 arrived	arrived Ylithi
Mar 5	alongside repair ships to fix stacks that were rammed by tanker
Mar 6	Sgt & engineers gone to state
Mar 12	writing letters on my bunk this evening about 2000 - the rest of the even at the movies on hangar deck General alarm goes off - come topside and find the Mandalay on fire - a twin engine suicide bomber flew right over us and crashed on the flight deck of the Mandalay. O.C. Kill the fire and we go back to movies and letter writing

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Mar 14 -	Left Uthi -	Hit Yap with napalm bombs -	figure planes came from there that hit Ran.		
Mar 15 -	going North				
Mar 16 -	Fueled ship				
Mar 17 -	still going North.				
Mar. 18.	Hit Kyushu -	Lot of damage -	airfields, hangars, planes on ground		
	We had about 5 general alarms		that bogey hell is getting on our nerves.		
Mar 19	Head north and hit Kobe,		shipping in the harbor - we hit one		
	C.V. of ships and sank it - also an in-		completed C.V. damaging it badly.		
	Had 3 general alarms. But the pay off		came after we just secured from U. S.		
	a silver Jap plane slipped in and		dropped a bomb on the Franklin		
	as she was launching planes. Our		gunners just got in about 4 shots		
Total time to date,					

PASSENGERS

REMARKS

The Franklin burned and exploded for hours after that but did not sink - don't ^{know} why it didn't. A cruiser has it under tow and we can expect more Japs.

May 20 Our group is staying around to cover the Franklin - a large group of Japs are heading out towards us and about 6 got through at our C. 17 P. and then the fun begins. I see this one ~~best~~ point his nose down from 12000 feet and head for the Hancock and a can next to her - he was hit before he got all the way down - landed between the two ships - set the cano & smoke screen off - light damage, the Bataan took a near miss - sprung her plates, not bad - Big "E" took 3 live bombers misses but was

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					<p>hit by one of our ships 5" shells - set her afire - but she put it out shortly. The Big "E" is a good ship. These Japs were not suicide boys and were about the best we ran across. The ships knocked down 4 out of the six and also a pilot off the Batou, who was right on the tail of a Jap who was coming in - lost the plane but saved the pilot - that guy had a lot of guts. We were under attack at night also but no damage. Heard the Wasp get hit by a 1000-lb bomb on the 3rd deck.</p> <p>Mar 21 Nothing happened in the morning. C. & P. duty. - General alarm in afternoon. Twin engine bomber had his right engine dropped a bomb - fell between us and us - strafed, hit 2 fellows, not bad - that was a "Wick", and he was moaning.</p>
Total time to date,					

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Mar 22	Fueled today - Big "E" - "Big Ben" the Wasp and Bataan left for repairs and we still carry on - guess we will have to be hit before we go back even to Guam.
Mar 23	Hit Okinawa in afternoon splashed one Jap
Mar 24	Strikes over Okinawa again had 2 General Abcom - nothing doing sunk a Jap convoy 3 cans 3 freighters splashed another Jap
Mar 25	Hit them again and had general quarters damned near all day
Mar 26	Fueled today - bombs and stores also
Mar 27	Back again - 2 G. Q's last night
Mar 28	Orbited the islands again - had D. Q - C. H. P. splashed 4 Japs in morning - Report of Jap fleet up north - Planes took off - just a few cans and cargo ships - Planes came back at night - one fighter went through barrier

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					and smashed into a group of TBM's wrecking four that we threw over the side - and also injuring two men badly Don Horne has both legs broke and Dominey has a lacerations of the face and head - rainy weather. rugged duty. Mar 29 have four TBM's off the Bataan Wood also.
Mar 29					- hit southern part of Kyushu - rough going
Mar 30					Fueled today and took aboard some tin fish to replace the ones we put in gap ships.
Mar 31					- Hit Okinawa today - 17 17 fire pretty heavy - planes shot up. Lost one TBM and crew also one fighter.
Apr 1					May be April Fools Day somewhere but it's D-Day here for the landings on Okinawa and nobody's fooling today. We cover the waterfront - strafe
Total time to date,					

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and bomb all day long

apr 2 - Hit the island all day long

had one general alarm - nothing doing

april 3 Went south to relieve the British

Fleet at ^{the} Sakashime Islands while
they fought - had 2 general alarms, no Japs
gatin to us. Lost one T.B.M and crew
on this strike. Lost 4 days we have lost

4 aircrewman and 3 pilots - tough going

april 4 Had a nervous day today -
general alarm most of day - Cunningham
was just missed by a suicide plane -

Bellison Wood shot one down and we

take the cake today - had 4 of them

suicide ~~attack~~ planes come in on us

our gunners got 3 and a cruiser got

the other just before he could get in

to us. Parts and pieces of Jap out planes

all over the flight deck - no damage

to ship, but one gunner killed by flock

from Jap bombs as he hit water off bow

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April 7 -					
Planes took off loaded on report of that part of Jap fleet was out - it was - sank the Kiyomoto, 45,000 ton wagon, 2 cruisers, 3 cans. - had 4 general alarms, 2 planes got in to us and were splashed - Our C.F.P. splashed 3 Japs today gives them a total of 29 1/2 planes for the last 2 days Cabot is on the way back - recalled - then back again					
April 8 -					
Fueled - ammo and bombs shot					
April 9 -					
C.F.P. over target, Haruma					
April 10 -					
" " " "					
April 11 -					
fueled - ammo, bombs and chow					
April 12 -					
some day - C.F.P. all day - general alarm practically all day - 2 bogeys ⁱⁿ got and were shot down - one almost hit a wagon bogeys overhead all night - planes dropped - night fight splashed Betty					
April 13					
kind of easy day C.F.P.					
Total time to date,					

PASSENGERS	REMARKS
April 14	C.A.P. all day - general alarm twice - 2 Japs got in and were shot down - kept coming in and out all day - 2 cans were hit - took force planes shot down plenty
April 15 -	C.A.P. all day again - fighter sweeps over airfields on Kyushu shot up a lot of planes on ground
April 16	general alarm at 2300 to 0130
"	" " 0500 to 0630
"	" " 0830 to 1100
"	" " 1215 to 1600
"	" " 1830 to 2200
"	" " 2330 to 0100
	We damaged near got it at noon from a dive bomber but didn't release his bomb, look like he was going to make another run on us but missed shot him down after we hit him. We started firing first. I was crapped out on the hangar deck

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					Our air group shot down 14 planes
					We were lucky to get out of that torpedo
					attack last night, more flak and planes
					flying around - Heard the Intrepid was
					hit yesterday
april 17 -					Fueled today - the Intrepid joined
					us last night, - headed for repairs, not
					to load.
april 18 -					Striking at Okinawa
april 19 -					" " " " " "
april 20 -					Striking Amami Oshima
april 21 -					Striking Okinami Ogari -
					and then at evening watch the
					cans pull close to shore and shell
					the island - then twin barreled
					cans can really throw the lead.
april 22 -					Fueled again
april 23 -					Hit Okinawa
april 24 -					Bad weather - nothing doing
april 25 -					Hit Okinawa
Total time to date,					

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april 26	Fueled ship - Longly back to state
april 27	C. H. P. over the island
april 28	" " " " "
april 29	" " " "
april 30 P. S. lost 45 on anchor pool	arrived at "Whiti" after 48 days at sea - rugged journey
May 1 - May 8	Got rid of our air group 45 and took on air group 49 - provisional ship and it took
May 6 - ^{May} birthday 31 years	all hands long hours to get stocked up again, we were out of every thing. Head out again to break in new squadron
May 8 - 11	Still training squadron
May - 12	fueled today and looks like we are ready for another cruise. Been out 13 months don't know how long we will stay out. My plane has 35 strikes on it - 2nd oldest plane on ship, mechanics get the oldest 44 strikes

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May 13	Squadron on first full mission Hit Kyushu airfields - 2 strike caught planes on ground - bageys on screen this morning - C.F.P. splashed 1 mygt - same force - Birmingham, Hornet, Belleau Wood, San Jac. - Hornet is one hot operating carrier -				
May 14	Had G.H. last night - slept in plane also had B.G. in morning couple of times Japs around all morning, some in afternoon. - splashed Vone Jap who was coming down on San Jac, think cruise as B.O. got him, thought our guns were on him to. - B.B. splashed one going in on a Hornet, really blew up. V planes bombed the Kyushu Islands, also Honshu, all day.				
14 May 15	fueled today, also ammo and ordnance				
312 dead	McKee traded his plane for new				
250 injured	Job, had 47 strikes on it, taps on				
Total time to date,					

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	this carrier so far. Still have mine, 39 sticks so far may get up to him yet. no statement today.
May 16	Still fueling, C.A.P. gunnery my plane towed target - distinctions improving so far
May 17	easy day - no bags - our planes flew C.A.P. over force, while Hornet, Bennington and Delaware Wood planes covered invasion of Island X Okinawa
May 18	Same as yesterday.
May 19	Bombed some island by Okinawa T.B.M. in morning + fighters morning and afternoon
May 20	Fuel ship - gunnery practice my plane towed target - ok.
May 21	Bombed Kikai twice

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May 22	Bombardier	Kikau	once	with F.B.M. fighters	
				all day. Two fighters collided, 1 pilot saved	
May 23	Bombardier	some island	and then went		
				after a gap composed of 12 troop ships	
				with escorts and sank the mackerels,	
				convoy was headed for Heima	
24	fighter	sweep	over Kiyushu		
				struck Betty on ground that had	
				bug bomb on it. We were 2 miles	
				from Heima saw ships & shells	
				beach early in morning	
May 25	Flam	C.F.T.	over Kiyushu	- WF 49	
				shot down their first plane today	
				a York and a Mustang, one other got	
				away, remainder of food in on it.	
				GP once, foul weather. "Big E" hit	
May 26	strike	on a pin	and called back		
				on account of weather - other carrier	
				bombardier in late afternoon	
Total time to date,					

PASSENGERS	REMARKS
May 27	Fuel today, plane towed target sisters, from fields. Tillie, Ellen and sister.
May 28	Bombed Okinawa this morning not much left to bomb, plane was standing, damn it, don't think I'll beat my record of 47 strikes, have 43 so far, think they will trade plane for new one. Beat my record towing the line with 50 d pieces. also had G. & this morning.
May 29	Nothing doing today, planes flew C.A.P. over Okinawa.
May 30	Memorial Day - Good show today, flew C.A.P. over target scuttlebutt that we are going south.

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May 31	-	Fueled ship, arm and provision			
June 1	-	Hit Okinawa, our planes landed there and flew support for Marines -			
		Tex's plane picked up ^{bullet} flak hole in port wing, mine got flak hole in starboard wing, also landed aboard with one home "5000" that I didn't release			
June 2		Hit island north of Okinawa known as "Flak alley". torpedo 5 and 7 shot up bad, radio man in 7 hit hurt bad with direct hit, will recover - #5 has to be traded in structural weakness - have 45 strikes on mine so far.			
June 3		Doubled some island as yesterday, bogey on screen, folded, second strike cancelled on account of weather, foul			
June 4		ing for rough weather - possible typhoon			
June 5		Hit typhoon last night - center of it at 0000 this morning - really pitching			
Total time to date,					

PASSENGERS	REMARKS
	<p>and rolling, lasted most of day, and got late this afternoon - one TBM flipped over on its back by the 80 to 100 mile an hour wind damaged another - the Harriet and Bennington have the extreme part forward part of flight deck smashed down over bow - the Bellanca Wood's planes on the hangar deck broke loose and busted the hangar deck apart, just like ours last December. - We just had the two planes damaged, and stopped for parts, the only damage to talk of, so that leaves the San Jacinto the only fully operating carrier in this group - we can handle ourselves in these typhoons now it being our fourth major trick besides two minor ones - rough day</p> <p>June 4 Finished fuelling - our planes flew 3 A.P. hops and one search hop of 4 TBM's for survivors of</p>

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					a sub chaser lost in the typhoon, no sight of them - Hornet, Cunningham & Bellum wood cleaned up their damage and launched planes late in afternoon - Hornet Tried a new way in launching her planes launching from the bow off the stern, the reverse way and was successful.
June 7 -	Bon Hon	Big fast	joined us	last night	simulated attacks and C.A.P. also a search groups of 5 T.B.M. ³ & 5 V.F. no luck Johnny giving me a hard time about getting out of - back in morning & night.
June 8 -	Big raid	on Kwajalee,	on Agaña,	hit	airfields and installations, but no planes on the ground. Better job, planes and pilots are engaged in fights now - Jacks & Georges.
June 9 -	Flew C.A.P.	in morning	with torpedo	planes	bombing the corner of Okinawa
Total time to date,					

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	in the afternoon - have 47 missions on my plane now, tied Myer's mark, may strike tomorrow, I hope.
Bennington	headed for port and repairs
June 10 -	Hit Okaida Wato Island results unknown also had 3 fighter tops of C.H.P. + strike
June 11 -	a couple of C.H.P. tops and simulated torpedo attack - gunnery practice, heading for port
June 12	a couple of C.H.P. tops today sent my plane to the Hornet for another one in exchange, had 300 hrs on it, 44 strikes tops on her so far but think "Jaguar" will beat it with his next operation. still heading for port
June 13	Import, supposedly Sept. 9 th , didn't do much today.
June 14	Laying in Port. Sept. 10 th or 11 th
June 15	Went on a beer party on

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					Samar, rained all afternoon, got 2 cans of beer, rationed - Saw a few Philippine women, the first women I've seen since April 1944.
					Hotter day, met as I ever got.
June 16					Still laying around and feel lazy - uncertain feeling as to whether we are going back or not.
June 17					Question of going back to states settled. Practically all hands turned to on provisioning ship for the "last operation", so called "last operation" never does seem to be the last one.
					Letter from Wm. Ralph in Army.
June 19					Loading ship letter from Hilda - mailed pictures home.
June 19					Beer party today - 2 cans ^{N.S.} - hot day. Harriet gone back today - Essex and us should go back next.
June 20					Port routine
Total time to date,					

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June 21	Still port
June 22	Still in port ship paint
June 23	Census declared officially now went to beach on beer party came back feeling swell on beers Bourke, Stockton, Luker and Lichenberger went over the hill saw Luker and Stockton at the beach today. Bourke swiped a couple of 38's and ammunition and gone for good the rest will probably come back before we sail Nothing much doing, turn up planes full passengers
June 25	Nothing doing, 11 pecker over on beach trying to get me some be shell necklaces. Sure funny but these Filipino girls look okay after not seeing any girls for over a year.

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JUN 26	In port - preparing to ship anchor in morning - not much doing - no mail				
JUN 27	Went out on simulated attacks and gunnery practice - a fighter plane coming in for a landing took a wave off but hooked a wire and went over the side, pilot got out of plane while it was dropping in the water and pulled him back aboard with a rope line, not hurt, wrecked the catwalk and 40 mm gun and mount pulled back into port for repairs anchored at 1830. No mail				
JUN 28	Still in port - watch tonight - letter from Frank & Emma				
JUN 29	Made liberty on Samar, beer party, 3 cons rained like hell - no mail.				
JUN 30	Still in port - Haymer F.C. 2/c got hold of a live wire while working on gun mount #8 and electrocuted buried on Leyte, American Cemetery				
Total time to date,					

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July 1	Pulled out of port at 0530 so far today just gunnery.
July 2	training flights and gunnery practice on sleeves.
July 3	same as yesterday - I got a bad cold today.
July 4	Independence Day - all day gunnery practice, got 2 drum places - one C.H.P. boys.
July 5	Still cruising around and gunnery and plane practice.
July 6	Landed at 7404 the only one ever to land on here otherwise same as yesterday
July 7	Same as yesterday
July 8	Reveille at 0230 this morning, has been 0330 for the past few days. Feared today and took on one replacement F6F also got some mail. Oh boy, my sugar report was great!!?

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July 9	-	No hops today or gunnery practice.			
		Three o'clock Revellei this morning			
		tomorrow we start striking			
		the northern part of Japan,			
		Honshu and Hokkaido Islands.			
		It looks like a rugged operation.			
		Foul weather all day today.			
		Our group consists of the			
		Bennington, Lexington, Hancock,			
		Bellamy Woods and ourselves, the			
		San Jacinto. Bennington flagship			
July 10		Revellei at 02.55, first hop at			
		0400 for strafing attack on air-			
		fields north of Tokyo, T.B.M.'s made			
		two strikes during day, the whole			
		group sent every plane over twice.			
		no F.F. fire or air opposition			
		over target. We were 100 miles from			
		Jap mainland - general quarters all			
		day - no baggy			
Total time to date,					

PASSENGERS	REMARKS
July 11	<p>Pulled away last night - about 300 miles from Tokyo - had some gunnery practice - we had reuelled at 02.55 this morning.</p> <p>Had an 8 to 12 inch match last night.</p>
July 12	<p>Fuel ship gunnery practice.</p> <p>Had reuelled at 02.55 EST</p> <p>Head north tonight - Hit Hakebaido.</p>
July 13	<p>Foul weather, high winds, heavy seas, driving rain.</p> <p>no flight at all, only a couple hundred miles from Hakebaido, had one general alarm, it was a weather phenomena. Had reuelled at 02.30. still staying around.</p> <p>There were submarines, Japs, all around us yesterday.</p>

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July 14	- Hit the northern tip of Honshu with battle wagons and planes also hit Hokkaido. The B.B. bucked off a big steel mill and harbor im- stallations, raised hell in general. some of our fighters flew C.F.P. over the B.B. while others blasted railroads and a couple of trains. Hit them with bombs, rockets and ammo. Fair weather in morning, one strike called back. Penellie at 02.30. splashed two Betty's. No air opposition				
July 15	Hit up and down Japan all day - B.B. cruisers and tri cans shelled the beach also. cold weather, heavy squalls, ship rolling and pitching heavily, good luck with the planes only one barrier crash. The water is green colored around her Penellie at 02.30 this morning				
Total time to date,					

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July 16-45	<p> we fueled today and flew two 8 plane C.A.P. - was supposed to have happily routine, But as perceived they kept us 1 PLANE CAPTAINS doing something most of the time. Had turkey for dinner. As I don't know. The son for got another well done from the Chief of Staff. ^{Steele} at 02.50 </p>
July 17-45	<p> We were supposed to hit a harbor north of Tokyo, but hops cancelled due to foul weather. Had the British Fleet with us this time. Saw 4 groups. Try again tomorrow, ^{Penelle} at 02.30 </p>
July 18-45	<p> Hit Tokyo and vicinity, tried to sink a B.B. - under repair results uncertain, no air opposition so far, some firing </p>

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July 19-45				Still having trouble between 0230 and 0300! Pulled away from area and heading for fuel, ammo and stores. Weather has been uncertain rain, wind and high swell-ships rolls and pitches like a can. Carrier duty on a C.V.L., is carrier duty at its worst. These big carriers aren't bothered at all. Our group is 38.1, 3 rd Fleet, Halsey in command. The B.B. having been shelling the beaches the last 2 and 3 days. Time now 21.10, swellie at 02.45 in morning. But.	
July 20-45				Swellie at 02.45 this morning, no hops, took on ammo. and fuel ships. Daily argument with Johnny and Mucker. Having moving on hangar deck.	
July 21-45				Swellie at 02.45. Sailing around slowly - gunnery practice. Working much longer. 1 F.S.P. Hyp	
Total time to date,					

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July 22-45	Bevelie at 02:45, No hops, gunnery practice. Took on a new captain, Goodwin, as relief for our present captain Bernode. Flew aboard, T.B.M.
July 23-45	Bevelie at 02:45 - 1 C.F. 1? hops - slowly cruising toward Jap mainland!
July 24-45	Hit Japs harbors and airfields Our air group shot down 3 Franks and 1 Jedy-torp group also ganged up and bombed and rocketed ships. C.V. ⁵ C.V.E. destroying B.E. cruisers, transports and everything in general - Big day My gun broke tomorrow. My plane carrier crashed in morning but flew in afternoon anyway. ^{Spent some time} ^{is the pilot of my} plane

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<p>July 25-45 - Reallie 03.00 - striking harbor area with 2000 lb, 1000 lb, 500 lb bombs in morning, afternoon strike cancelled, weather. Various Jap aircraft in vicinity during day. Co. H. P. 3 shut down three Graces tonight, 1 Myit ^{by British tank force} and also others. Small night out with bombers moon that we don't like. Several of our planes shot up bad yesterday and today. T.B.M. hit the drink yesterday pilot and never saw 2 fighters down today and possibly another.</p>					
<p>July 26-45 - Fuel ship took on ammo bombs etc. belly tanks that I helped put up, 5 new plane replacements.</p>					
<p>July 27-45 - Drummy practice and took on ammunition - 1. C.A.P. pop.</p>					
<p>July 28-45 - Hit Kure again supposed to have sunk a B.B. Ise class</p>					
Total time to date,					

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and the Aoba, a heavy cruiser
also hit several other warships.
A P.B.M. landed close to the harbor
and rescued 17 pilots and crewmen
who were shot down. Quite a
few planes were shot up. Rogers
a plane captain pulled the emergency
bomb release on his T.B.M. and dumped
4 500 lb bombs on the deck, scared
hell out of my body. Bageys on the
screen on and off all day.

July 29-45 Pulled out of strike area
and took it easy most of day - 1 hour
C.O.P. - Sub. reported in area tonight.

July 30-45 Big raid on Kure again. as
our air group hit at an airfield
my plane with the shipper flying
got an ak ak burst in the wing
another plane got in the wing also
heavy seas and smells

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July 31-45					
Pulled away from strike area this morning after cannon, BB and cruiser shelled the beach - heading for fuel					
Aug 1-45					
Fueled ship also took on ammo and bombs - how heavy weather security as there is a typhoon in the vicinity, the ship is really rolling and pitching - been around typhoons all week - rugged deal. Tomorrow's strike is cancelled. Signed my liberty card today, indication that we may head for the states - 5 new plane replacements, 2 TBM 3 F6F					
Aug 2-45					
Went around a typhoon last night and coming up behind it today - no strikes - gunnery is inactive and tow hogs -					
Aug 3-45					
Not much doing - 1 H.S.P. hog and 3 tow planes for gunnery					
Total time to date,					

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Aug 4 - 45 Frances Keith day, didn't even send a card, got something at Pearl gunnery practice, also simulated dive and torpedo attacks, good news.

Heading east since 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Aug 5 - 45 Just cruising around, mostly east around Iwo Jima this morning sighted Jap transport, escorts and hospital ships this afternoon - bombed all planes but did not take off practice bombs today.

Aug 6 - 45 Nice weather today, gunnery practice and 1 ship for the target towing planes and 1 C.F.P. - heading south tonight. Scuttlebutt has it that a B-13 and carrier were hit by shore batteries at Wake Island yesterday.

Aug 7 - 45 Going west toward Hokkaido gunnery practice today, fueled ships, heard over radio of a new bomb, atomic type, that they tried on Jap. most powerfully yet.

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Aug 8-45					
No. hopes today due to foggy weather Japs plans around all day - supposed to strike Hokkaido - maybe tomorrow - lot of talk about this new atomic bomb they ought to send us back to the states soon, I hope - 17 months so far and haven't been to Pearl since last May 1st 1944 - biggest shot of carrier duty so far					
Aug 9-45					
Hit the north part of Honshu, destroyed a lot of planes on the ground estimated in the hundreds - splashed about 9 Japs judges and crews around the task force today - atomic bomb hit Yagasaki on northern Kyushu. try it again tomorrow I guess.					
Aug 10-45					
Great day for the San Jac air group - destroyed about 68 planes on the nearest count and guess that all together they got a couple hundred planes a well done by the task group commander supposed to have been our last strike then head for states but operation extended Total time to date, a couple of weeks					

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Aug 11-45					
Fuel ship, also a little chow and ammo. Frank was up last night and said that Japan would accept terms. Heavy weather security as there is a typhoon about 500 miles away. Null, we may hit the states after all.					
Aug 12-45					
cruising close to Japan, expecting surrender. now 2030 and no word yet, expect to bomb tomorrow morning. have 10 percent of crew rigged for occupational force, no one from air department. we are in typhoon area and may pass through one tonight heavy security.					
Aug 13-45					
Hit 5 airfields around Hanku burned 14, planes destroyed about half dozen more. Japs around us most of day seen splashed on our starboard side. splash at least six after chow tonight, Irving, Nick, Myrto, Judy, Frank etc. may feel tomorrow.					
Total time to date					

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Aug 14-45 Fuelled ship, took on chow
as we were close to out and it still went
to good. Got the word that we are entitled
to six combat stars and two Philippine
Liberation stars. A little but has it Japan
has accepted our surrender terms
but not official word yet, we are
due to strike Japan again tomorrow.
Haven't written home for 46 days now
Yella's birthday today. Belled several
thousand rounds of 50 caliber ammo
today, am sure tired tonight.

Aug 15-45 Sent a bombing strike
out at 05:30 this morning, but were
called back due to Japanese surrendering
but our C.F.P. shot down six
Japs and the Belbeave Ward C.F.P. got
five before they got the word.
Had general quarters this afternoon
and we shot down 4 Japs around
the task groups - I guess they

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					<p> didn't believe in quitting. The war may be over in the states but it's still going on out here. It looks like we may go back to the states after all, were hoping. After all the war is over as far as organized resistance goes and everybody is happy. This is our 46 day at sea. This air group has 13 planes to it's credit and about a hundred on the ground, also hits on various B.D. cruises B.D. etc. Myself is celebrating by opening a can of sardines, in fact the captain's sardines that were swiped. They is getting the bread if he can talk fast enough, I'll furnish the can opener and Johnny the appetite. </p>
Total time to date,					

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Aug 16-45 Not much flying today, town keeps quarters for minutes and presentation of awards - squadron all packed and ready to leave any time - occupation force from ship ready to leave. movies tonight.

Aug 17-45 Not much sailing - all task groups drew in close, quite a few cons, cruisers, B.B.'s and about 17 carriers, a lot of ships. 1 time loss of 3 planes -

Aug 18-45 Fuelled ship this morning. gunnery practice at down planes. plane handlers firing the H.H. guns in place of gunnery crew who are going ashore at Japan.

Aug 19-45 50th day at sea - Marine gunners left on occupational duty on Japan - took on mail first time in 5 weeks.

Aug 20-45 Took on ammunition and bombs - got Lt. General address of Lt. General leaving in morning

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Aug 21-45					
- Air group H9 left for Batavia in exchange for J.E. 47 typhoon in area - heavy security on ships and planes. Good day all S. 11/9. F. 14.					
Aug 22-45					
- All planes in task group flew today in same strength. New air group seems friendly just found out Bill Mitchell on board - knew him at Jivaro.					
Aug 23-45					
Just laid around played ball for a while, can't take it, no wind. Captain Kennell being relieved tomorrow we have to stick around, don't know how long chase has been from and don't know when we will get any.					
Aug 24-45					
- This is our 55th day out. Capt. Kennell left today. Captain's inspection this morning, a fast one.					
Total time to date,					

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Captain Goodwin now in command.
our 3rd captain and 4th squadron.

Played miniature softball for an
1 1/2 hours - the most exercise I've had
for 16 months, he stuff tomorrow.

Aug 25-45 Had a 28 plane C.F.P. over
Japan to look the situation over
nice weather around here - northern

Japan - same thing tomorrow.

Aug 26-45 57th day out - sent out 40
fighter planes on C.F.P. over Japan, also
4 torpedo planes with supplies for the
prisoners of war but could not
drop them on account of foggy weather.
one fighter plane of ours went into
the water and exploded and burned but
the pilot who is the squadron
commander got out. Ok. There are a
couple of typhoons around us that
will delay the occupation forces for
a couple of days. The weather and

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<p>seas are getting pretty rough. What a life, if you're not fighting Japs you're the weather and seas to keep afloat. We are practically out of chow and starting tomorrow we eat two meals a day and as we get up at 3 or 3.30 and go to bed at 8 or 9 it's a long day. The war may be over in the states but we ain't see it out here.</p> <p>- Aug 27 - 45 - Had one hap of 16 fighters and 8 + 3 M who flew over the P.O.W. camps in Japan and dropped welfare packages for the inmates - they were glad to see our flyers. Our plane made a twilight landing with a rolling sea and one hit the barriers.</p> <p>We got the word today from the captain who said we should be in Frisco by the 11th or 12th</p>					
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of next month. We really whooped it up and are already figuring on how to spend their leave or maybe get out of the Navy.

Aug 28-45 Took on some passengers today while fueling ship, the more we take on the sooner we go back.

Aug 29-45 Our planes flew over the P. O. W. camps again today and dropped some more welfare bundles - the planes fly low over the camp and drop these bundles that weigh about 85 lbs and have small parachutes taken from planes. The pilots say the prisoners of war really go wild when they fly over. Sure like to take a hop.

Aug 30-45 Same as yesterday - we get up at 03:00 every morning and the planes take off at 04:30 and fly off and on all day - The Captain

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<p>passed the word tonight that we cease operations tomorrow afternoon when we are relieved by another carrier; we then cruise 500 miles south and take on replenishment the next day and then rendezvous that night and the following day we head for the straits. All I can say, it's about time.</p> <p>Aug 31-45 Plans changed - Fuel ship this morning, took on provisions, some passengers - no dogs -</p> <p>+ Sept 1-45 - 62nd day at sea - no dogs, although we were standing by for one - removed all towing gear to another ship - starting south tonight to rendezvous with other fleet and take on passengers.</p> <p>+ Sept 2-45 - Picked up the other fleet this morning including the Essex</p>					
Total time to date,					

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	Essex, Massachusetts, San Juan and others that are going to states, took off our supply of aviation gas and took on passengers, also our Marine detachment that occupied Apurukha Naval Base on Tokio Bay. They had some interesting stories to tell.
+ Sept 3 - 45	one torpedo plane has as we head for states - It's California here. We come from now on.
	Some of the boys have the required 44 points for discharge and are they happy. I've got 37 now and if I was married I'd be out also. Word is in for some
Sept 4 - 45	Had 2 T.B.M. boys going north by north east. Got 3, poker.
Sept 4	Still heading N. N. E.
Sept 5	" " " "
Sept 6	" " " "

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Sept 7					
Crossed the International date line at 11.15 this morning now cruising on stated time - It was Friday yesterday and its Friday today - heading E. N. E. - weather about 40° was kind of rolling - no flying the last few days.					
Sept 8-45					
Still on course - E N E - 60					
Sept 9-45					
Same as yesterday - E N E - 60 weather cold about 40° Fahr.					
Sept 10					
changed course about 06.30 to E 90° - sunny and cold.					
Sept 11-45					
about 30 men transferring over to Casey as it will anchor in Puget Sound and will make it easier for them men to get on. We are going to Frisco. - Today is our 24 th day at sea					
Total time to date,					

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Sept 12-45

Still going over the hill

Sept 13-45

Same as yesterday, getting warmer

Sept 14-45

Well, we hit the end of

1945

the trail at 11.30 this morning

17 months to the day since

we left San Diego in 44.

Got first liberty and got
to feeling pretty good.

155,000 miles

End.

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